**District 5370 Foundation**

**Grants Subcommittee November 2016 - Updates**

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to all of you for supporting our Rotary Foundation. With your generosity we are able to continue reaching out to those in need both within our local communities and communities from across our world. We truly are “Serving Humanity.

Here is a summary of the good work Rotarians in our District 5370 are accomplishing right here at home and through partnerships with Rotarians in other countries.

At the local club level in the next few days your club will be receiving the District matching funds cheque so your projects here at home can get underway. The total value of the matching portion from District was $111,182. This year, clubs were very industrious creating a dilemma for our Grants Subcommittee because your ask for matching funds of $163,00 far exceeded the amount of money received from the Rotary Foundation ($111,182 CND)

As Wayne Kauffman and myself visit 5370 Rotary Clubs our urgent message is to continue making The Rotary Foundation your “Charity of Choice” and to consider increasing your annual givings. The greater your donations the greater will be our capacity to fund your projects with District matching dollars at 100%. This year we did manage to fund all eligible grant applications however only to a maximum of 71%.

What you will accomplish in this 2016-2017 Rotary year are 39 local community projects and support for 17 scholarship helping students advance their education.

On the Global scene here are the projects which have received Rotary International approval to proceed:

RC of Jasper and Glenora – Ocean Academy School in Belize-$66,000 which also includes a matching grant from the Government of Canada for $20,000.

RC Edmonton Riverview-Ecuador- Maternal and Child Health-$104,000.

RC Edmonton South-preservation and improvement of Obstetrics and Gynecology at a Ukraine hospital-$67,000.

Rotary E-Club of Canada One-Subirana, Honduras-Access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene with ongoing educational programs-$94,033.

RC St. Albert-Ghana Medical assistance and local infrastructure enhancement-$57,000.

RC Whitecourt-Scholarship for international study at the University of Kent-$37,000.

At the moment there are 13 more Global Grant projects in various stages of approvals prior to receiving final matching funds in order to proceed.

With the 6 approved Global Grants and the 13 in “Draft” stage here is how the funding splits out:

Club and Non Rotarian cash contribution $343,626

District Designated Fund (match) $182,431

Government of Canada (match) $165,055

World Fund (match) $384,250

**Total Project Value $998,433**

Way to go District 5370! Many thanks for all your time and efforts to make your donations continue to work for Rotary.

On behalf of your Grants Subcommittee;

Lindsay Moyle- RC Whitecourt – District Grants

Sandra Impey-RC Grande Prairie Sundrise-Global Grants

Frank Yakimchuk-E-Club Canada One-Global Grants

Paul Dusseault-RC Edmonton Riverview–VTT/Global Grants

Wayne McCutcheon RC St. Albert, Chair

District 5370 Grants Subcommittee.